

## Sarah Ann, Petition to Remain for Her Freedom, Culpepper County, 1856

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To the Honorable ~~Delegates~~ of Virginia  
The petition of Sarah Ann  
represents that many years ago her father  
Cyrus Fickler a free negro of the County  
of Culpepper died, <sup>intestate</sup> That said Cyrus during  
his life intermarried with a woman who  
was a slave at the time of such marriage  
but who the said Cyrus <sup>afterwards</sup> purchased  
That by said marriage and after said  
purchase the said Cyrus had two children  
to wit Abby and your petitioner who under  
the laws of this State your petitioner is  
advised were the property of the said  
Cyrus That said Cyrus has no legal  
heirs and consequently his property is  
vested in the State of Virginia after the  
payment of debts. Your petitioner further  
represents that one William Coons obtained  
letters of administration upon the estate  
of the said Cyrus That he shortly afterwards  
died and ~~Administration de bonis non~~  
was granted to Charles Brown, which  
was afterwards revoked and Adminis-  
tration de bonis non granted to Leroy  
Cooper. That the said Cyrus left but  
few debts at the time of his death which  
all together did not amount to much

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